

*Resolution also praises local community colleges and universities for their efforts to support military and veterans*

Washington, DC - The House of Representatives today passed Congressman John Adler's bipartisan resolution urging universities nationwide to seek membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) Consortium. The Consortium allows service members to enroll in a participating school and continue their programs on school campuses, military installations, and armories within the United States and overseas. In New Jersey, Rutgers University joined the program after Congressman Adler introduced a similar resolution in the State Senate.

"We need to increase education opportunities for our servicemembers and returning veterans," said Congressman Adler on the House Floor today. "We should make every effort to ensure that their transition from service to civilian life is smooth and successful. I urge universities across the country to join this program and support our brave military men and women."

Congressman Adler spoke on the House Floor today and urged colleges and universities across the country to increase their efforts to support servicemembers and veterans. Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) joined Adler on the floor and thanked him for introducing the resolution. Rep. Thompson's son is currently in the military and has served in Iraq.

Servicemembers face numerous challenges in their pursuit of higher education, either while they are still on active duty or a newly-returned veteran. Oftentimes, these brave men and women have trouble attaining college degrees because of their frequent relocations.

Currently, the SOC Consortium includes more than 1,800 colleges and universities. To ensure that servicemembers have greater access to undergraduate educational opportunities, the SOC Consortium maintains flexibility in university programs and procedures, especially in admissions and credit transfer.

You can view Congressman Adler's comments on the House Floor [here](#).